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Public Library Notes

The report of the librarian, Mrs. O. B. Jaquith, shows that there was a marked increase in the circulation of books at the Norman Williams public library in 1909 as compared with the previous year. The figures for 1909 are 26,786, while during 1908 the number was 23,551, a gain of 3,235. The increase in 1908 over 1907 was 1772. Under a rule which has been in operation only a few months, the patrons of the library are allowed to take two books on one card—one of fiction and one of non-fiction—and another year will probably show a still larger gain in circulation.

Of the total number of volumes issued 20,831 were books of fiction, of which 5768 were classed juvenile fiction. The number of books of travel issued, adult and juvenile, was 695, about the same number taken out in 1908, and of biography 695 were issued.

Under the heading of general literature about 600 volumes were issued, of which 103 were juvenile. The library issued 439 new cards the past year and the accessions numbered 375 volumes.

The library now has 16,736 volumes on its shelves.

The reading and reference rooms have about fifty monthly magazines and twenty or more weekly periodicals.

Middlebury's President Here.

President John M. Thomas of Middlebury college spoke to the students and the assembly room at the school building after the opening exercises Wednesday morning. His brief address was an appeal to the young people to aim high in their life work, to work for the utmost in them; to prepare to do their best, for opportunity waits on preparation. He spoke of the advantages offered by the colleges of today. Business and technical work calls for college trained men and women.

President Thomas spoke interestingly of his work at Middlebury and his successful efforts to re-establish that institution on a firm and substantial basis in scholarship and equipment.

President Thomas spoke at Randolph Tuesday and Tuesday evening gave an address at the annual meeting and roll-call of the Congregational church here. From here, it is understood, he returns to resume his duties at Middlebury college.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Following is the program of the meetings at the Arts and Crafts room from January 10 to March 2.

Jan. 12. Bible study No. IV. The Principal of Individual Responsibility. Its Social Significance. Leader, Rev. H. L. Canfield.

Jan. 19. Debate. Resolved, that we would rather be poor Christians than good Mohammedans. Aff. Burnham, Bailey. Prior: Neg. Shurtliff, Mandigo, Washburn.

Jan. 26. No meeting.

Jan. 27. Dr. Tyndall's lecture on Radium, special guest night.

Feb. 2. Bible study No. V. Jesus' teaching as to Faith and Contentment. Its Social Significance. Leader, H. M. Mandigo.

Feb. 9. Open.

Feb. 16. Bible Study No. VI. Jesus' Attitude Toward Pleasure. Leader, Rev. W. A. Leonard.

Feb. 23. Debate. Resolved, that the past twenty-five years have been the most interesting period in human history and that life will not be so interesting during any equal period in the future. Aff. George Merrill, Austin Saul, Frank Bradley and H. P. Clark; Neg. George Winslow, Wm. Mitchell, E. C. McFarlane and Robert Woods.

March 2. Bible Study No. VII. Jesus' Teaching Regarding Wealth. Leader, Rev. R. J. Chrystie.

F. L. Davis, President

The Vermont Dairymen's association, in session at Burlington, took a stand in favor of the retention of the tax on oleomargarine, state inspection of milk and agricultural training in the public schools. It was the last day of the 40th annual convention of the association, and the attendance has been record breaking.

The following officers were elected:

President, F. L. Davis of White River Junction; vice presidents, William Blood of Northfield, and W. E. Carter of Rutland; secretary, F. H. Bickford of Bradford; treasurer, M. A. Adams of Derby, and auditor, C. F. Smith of Morrisville.

Library Meeting at Bellows Falls

The State Board of Library Commissioners and the Library association of Vermont will hold a joint meeting of librarians and educators at the Carnegie Library, Bellows Falls, Friday, Jan. 28. The librarians will meet for informal discussion in the forenoon and at 2 o'clock in the afternoon the following program will be given:

Greeting, Hon. A. N. Swain of Bellows Falls; A Circulating Summer Branch, Miss Grace Blanchard, Concord, N. H.; What a Small Library Can Do, Mrs. Abba D. Chamberlin, Pomfret; The School and the Library, Percy H. Blake, Chester; Books for Children, Miss C. Ginevra Pollard, Chester; Miss Frances M. Pierce, Ludlow; Library Advertising, Miss Evelyn Lease, Montpelier; Mrs. Kate W. Barney, Springfield. At 7.30 p. m., Principal Charles H. Morrill of the Randolph Normal school will deliver an address on the Work of the Library.

Vermont and New Hampshire librarians, trustees, library workers, teachers and superintendents are especially invited to attend.

Proposed Changes in Vermont's Constitution

Important changes in the constitution of Vermont are recommended in the report of the official commission appointed by the governor to investigate and present the proposals of amendment to the next legislature. The chief recommendations follow:

Easier methods of amending the constitution.

Veto power given to the governor. General Assembly to meet first Wednesday after first Monday in January, beginning in 1915.

State officers elected biennially on first Tuesday after first Monday of November.

No person to be declared guilty of treason or felony by the legislature, nor to have his sentence for felony commuted or mitigated by the legislature.

Power to pardon or mitigate sentences for murder vested in governor or a pardoning board, not with legislature.

No state senator or representative eligible to offices created by the legislature.

No special charters for corporations.

Telephone Company Elects Officers

At the annual meeting of the White River Junction & Interstate Telephone Co., the following directors were chosen: J. W. Armstrong, Norwich; R. A. Tilden, Norwich; Walter Baker, Thetford; N. C. Davis, Hartford; Geo. Aiken, Norwich; Geo. Pattril, Norwich; Frank Gardner, Hartland; officers elected, Pres. J. W. Armstrong; vice, pres. W. C. Spaulding; clerk and collector, A. L. Douglas; treas., E. W. Olds.

All Good Dairymen

Among the prominent dairymen reported present at the Dairymen's convention at Burlington this week are Dr. John A. Mead, Frederick G. Fleetwood, Olin Merrill, C. W. Gates, O. S. Annis, Smith S. Ballard, Charles H. Darling, John L. Southwick, Senators Lewis of Orleans and Gibson of Windham, Dr. Kidder, Geo. F. Leland, Earl Kinsley and "Joe" Flint. The long suffering cow is coming into her own at last.—Bennington Banner.

SHERBURNE

Mr. Kilburne of the Charles Lawrence Co. Boston, was at F. G. Spaulding's Tuesday of this week. Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wilson and daughter returned to their home in Bennington, N. H., the first of last week.

There are several in the place sick with hard colds and grip. Dr. Esmond attends them.

J. L. Herriman was in Rutland the first of the week to attend a Grand Army meeting.

W. A. Perkins of Bridgewater, A. C. Plumley and F. G. Spaulding of Sherburne were in Rochester Tuesday to attend a meeting of the Home Telephone Co.

Mrs. Orin Bates, who has been visiting at Mr. Currier's, returned to her home on West Hill last week.

Plymouth Case in Supreme Court

In the supreme court at its January term at Montpelier, the court by John W. Rowell, chief justice, handed down a decision, reversing the judgment of the county court at the June term, 1907, for the plaintiff to recover \$246.38 taxes and over \$300 costs, in case of John C. Coolidge, constable of Plymouth, vs. Warren R. Taylor and Frank A. Walker, Admr., trustee. By this decision of the supreme court, the judgment of the county court in favor of plaintiff is reversed and set aside and a new trial granted. This case involved the validity of taxes in Plymouth assessed against Warren R. Taylor.

W. R. Junction Union Station Case Continued

The White River Junction union station and crossing abolishment case was continued in the supreme court Tuesday until Friday, February 4, owing to the illness of Chief Judge John W. Rowell, who is ill at his home in Randolph of a cold. The railroad lawyers did not wish to go on with the case without the full bench being in attendance. The case of David Frazer vs. Blanchard and Crowley was also continued. At 11 o'clock Tuesday morning the docket was called and the term adjourned.

SOUTH POMFRET

ABBOTT LIBRARY NOTES.

Rev. H. S. Canfield has been engaged to give a talk at the library Sunday afternoon, Jan. 16, at 3 o'clock. Everybody welcome. Teago Grange brothers will care for the teams.

A debate, open to the public, and led on one side by Horatio Luce, and on the other side by Elbridge Perry, will be one of the features of the literary program at Teago Grange, Saturday evening, Jan. 15. No woman will be allowed to speak on the question, but at the close, they alone will be allowed to vote as to which side has presented the best arguments.

ABBA DOTON, CHAMBERLIN, LIBRARIAN.

Rhodes Scholarship

Henry C. Brownell, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Brownell of Burlington has been selected by a committee composed of President M. H. Buckham of the University of Vermont, President John M. Thomas of Middlebury college and the Rt. Rev. A. C. A. Hall, Bishop of Vermont, to hold the next Rhodes scholarship from Vermont. Four other candidates qualified, one being from the University of Vermont, one from Middlebury college and two from Dartmouth.

Cook's Fictitious Narratives

The three books published by Dr. Frederick A. Cook now in Boston public library are to be officially placed in the "fictitious narrative" list as soon as a book of newspaper criticisms of the author can be compiled.

This is the library's polite way of declaring the explorer a faker.

Furthermore Doctor Cook's works will enjoy the unenviable distinction of forming one-half of that exclusive division of the library, for up to the present only three other volumes have been so characterized.

Vermont Candidates in Washington.

A Washington dispatch says:

The fight over the collector of customs for the district of Vermont, with headquarters at Burlington, which members of the Vermont delegation had hoped was practically settled a few days ago, was reopened yesterday, when Joseph Auld and J. L. Southwick of Burlington, arrived in this city to press their own candidacies for the place. Each is said to have strong indorsements and Mr. Southwick's are now in Senator Dillingham's hands.

It is understood that both Auld and Southwick base their claims largely upon the fact that the emoluments of the Burlington office are so large that one term in that position is sufficient for Collector Darling or any other man. At this point the paths separate, as each thinks he is entitled to the position.

The Vermont delegation is understood to be split over the question. Senator Page is represented as favoring a change in the collectorship, while his colleague, Senator Dillingham, is said to desire that Mr. Darling be reappointed.

Watterson Plays Taft

Henry Watterson in the Louisville Courier-Journal, under the title "Honest Men to the Front," says: "For the first time in the history of the country a president of the United States has openly proclaimed himself a friend of thieves and an enemy of honest men. That, and that alone, is the issue precipitated by the executive order of Friday, removing Gifford Pinchot from office."

"It is not worth while for anybody to beat around the bush or to deal in anything but plain English. Truth will not down. That President Taft is personally honest, a well intentioned man, need not be denied or doubted. The world is full of men who can see no wrong where their own interest is at stake; who are blind when passions are awakened, who will do for their party what they would refuse to God. The candidate of straw upon a platform of imposture, induced to office, sees his house of cards about to tumble on him and his cabinet because of the act of an upright and imprudent servant, and in a panic of anger and fear thinks to avert a threatened catastrophe by driving the upright servant out."

\$175,000 Fire in Burlington

Burlington suffered a fire loss of about \$175,000 on Saturday evening when the Hotel Burlington and the Walker block in the heart of the city were destroyed with their contents.

The principal losers are Hotel Burlington, Max L. Powell, manager, \$65,000.

Mrs. W. K. Walker, owner of the Walker block, \$40,000.

C. L. Soule & Company, wholesale tobacco dealers, \$30,000.

Bruswick billiard parlors, E. A. Isham, manager, \$3000.

Rutland railroad ticket office, \$1,000.

W. P. Hall, druggist, \$6500.

T. P. Ahern, stationery, \$2,000.

The origin of the fire is not known definitely.

State Poultry Show

The 13th annual exhibition of the Vermont State Poultry association will be held in St. Albans next week Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and the entries for the show have already been among the largest in the history of the association, and new applications for entire are received every day.

Vermont's New Bishop

Word from the Rev. J. J. Rice received through Bishop Beavens at the Episcopal residence in Burlington announces that news of his appointment has been received by him from official sources. His papers will probably be in his possession by the latter part of the month. Before these are made out, he will take the oath before the papal delegate at Washington.

Hamilton McKewan Twombly, the capitalist, and railroad man, died at Madison, N. J., Tuesday after a long illness.

HARTLAND.

The Nature Club.

The Hartland Nature club's work for another year began auspiciously with its meeting on January 8, 1910, a good number of members and visitors being in attendance. After an extended discussion of business, Miss Sturtevant, the treasurer, read her report, which shows the club to be in excellent financial condition. The "Christmas bird census" brought out the fact that seven species of birds were observed on Christmas day, the largest number of which seen by any one person was: 13 crows, 10 jays, one hairy woodpecker, one downy woodpecker, 20 tree sparrows, 15 English sparrows, four chickadees.

The paper on "Orchids of Hartland" was omitted, but Mr. English made brief comments on the limestone formations of Hartland.

The special treat of the meeting was the snow-flake slides shown by Rev. C. O. Gill. These slides were prepared by Wilson Bentley of Jerico, and were exquisitely beautiful.

Mr. Gill was given a rising vote of thanks, for affording the club an opportunity to see and study these slides.

The next meeting will be in February.

Want Free Delivery

A committee of residents of White River Junction was appointed at a meeting held lately to solicit money for the purchase of sign-boards for a free mail delivery system. About fifty were present at the meeting and no opposition was manifested, although its value to the business section is doubted.

Forester Pinchot Dismissed.

Gifford Pinchot, chief forester and intimate friend of Theodore Roosevelt, was dismissed January 7 from the service of the United States by President Taft. Forester Overton W. Price and Assistant Law Officer Alexander C. Shaw, Pinchot's immediate assistants in the forestry bureau, followed their chief out of government employ.

Thoroughly indignant over the action of Mr. Pinchot in inducing Senator Dooliver to read a letter from him in the senate, President Taft would listen to no advice that the forester's violation of executive orders be overlooked, pending the inquiry soon to be undertaken by congress. He declared the dignity of his office was being attacked and he would be unfaithful to his trust if he submitted longer.

Tracks, shaped like the footprints of a cat, but as large as those of a big dog, have often been seen at the Summit in Danby, Albert Congdon saw where this animal made a jump of 30 feet on the level in the back yard of a farmhouse. Recently in a cow barn he saw an animal, which he at first supposed to be a big dog. It passed within eight feet of him, was brown and black, and had eyes resembling those of a cat. He examined the tracks in the snow and thinks it was the same animal that made the big jump.

Deputy United States Marshal Frank H. Chapman is on the way with two federal prisoners for the penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., being accompanied by his son, Charles H. Chapman, and John H. Dugan of Rutland, as guards. One of the prisoners, Harry Madison, will serve a sentence of four years for receiving stolen postage stamps, and Harry Shepard will serve a two years' sentence for a post office robbery.

Mrs. A. N. Swain, of Bellows Falls, wife of the former editor and the founder of the Bellows Falls Times, died January 8, after an illness of about a year.

Green Cut Bone and Meat for Poultry

We are now shipping Green Cut Bone and Meat—an unexcelled cold-weather Poultry Food. Our price is only \$3.50 per barrel of 200 pounds, freight prepaid to nearly all points. The material we offer is fresh-cut and is shipped thoroughly frozen. At above price we cannot afford to open any accounts. Send cash by registered letter, postoffice or express money order, or personal check. Address, mentioning this paper, Carroll S. Page, Hyde Park, Vt.

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More Enumerators Wanted

A call for more applicants for places as census enumerators has been issued by Supervisor of Census Lynn M. Hays of Burlington. He urges all persons in his district desiring to serve to obtain their application forms at once and to file them with him before January 25, when he must stop considering new applications, in order to prepare for the "test" of the previous applicants on February 5. After this he will examine and rate the papers until about February 22, when he will forward his list of designations as enumerators, with their "test" papers to Census Director Durand, who will carefully go over and rerate the papers of the successful candidates before giving his consent to the issue of commissions to them by the supervisor. By the middle or latter part of March all the enumerators will have been commissioned and in receipt of detailed instructions concerning their work.

Springfield Man Hurt

Charles A. Leland, one of Springfield's most active and oldest men, suffered a painful accident Sunday morning when he was thrown out of a sleigh. His face was very badly cut and the sleigh was nearly demolished. His son, Col. George F. Leland, went immediately to his assistance and the injured man is recovering as rapidly as possible.

In a struggle with two safe blowers, Paul Saula, 17 years old, of Tallahassee, Fla., left to watch the post-office building, shot and killed them both in the basement of the building.

Comet on the Way

A straight and slender tail has been discovered trailing behind the nucleus of Halley's comet, according to a dispatch received at the Harvard observatory from Prof. E. B. Frost of the Yerkes observatory. The tail is a faint one as yet, about ten minutes in length and has an angle of 69 degrees.

Halley's comet may now be seen through small telescopes like faint nebulae. The tail, however, is too faint to be caught by anything except a highly sensitized photographic plate. The comet is in the western sky in the early evening but later in the week the moon probably will become too bright to permit a sight of the celestial visitor.

Cook Again Expelled

The Arctic club of America founded by Dr. Frederick A. Cook and his strong supporters in the North Pole controversy, through its board of directors has dropped the name of the Brooklyn explorer from the rolls of the club.

The action of the directors was unanimous and follows hard on the explorer's summary dismissal from the council of the Brooklyn institute of arts and sciences two days ago.

Prof. James Barr Ames, dean of the Harvard law schools since 1895, died at the sanatorium of the Eliot hospital at Wilton, N. H., Saturday.

At a meeting in London of the directors of the Grand Trunk railway of Canada, Charles M. Hayes was elected president, Alfred W. Smithers, chairman of the board of directors, and Sir Henry E. Mather-Jackson, vice-chairman.

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